

Nominating Committee Minutes
Illinois Heartland Library System
April 25, 2013

The meeting of the Nominating Committee via the IHLS conference call line was called to order at 10:06am by Chair Kim Keller. A roll call of committee members showed Kim Keller, Diana Brawley Sussman, Deanne Holshouser, Anita Walters, and Julia Welzen to be present. There were no visitors on the line.

The March 21, 2013 minutes were reviewed. Diana made a motion to approve the March 21, 2013 minutes, and Anita seconded it. All members voted aye and the minutes were approved.

The committee noted how few member libraries voted in the system Board election, but thought perhaps it was due to the timing of the election coinciding with the SHARE merger.

The results of the election were reviewed and showed that:

Public Library Trustee Slate 1

George Trammell (Incumbent), 49 votes; William Slider, 34 votes. Trammell elected.

Public Library Trustee Slate 2

Linda McDonnell (Incumbent), 52 votes; Gary Denué, 31 votes. McDonnell elected.

Public Library Trustee Slate 3

James H. Fenton, 42 votes; Jana Marie Hassebrock, 41 votes. Fenton elected.

Public Library Trustee Slate 4

Lynda Clemmons, 44 votes; Amy McGilvrey, 38 votes. Clemmons elected.

Public Library Representative

Diane Steele (Incumbent), 27 votes; Devin Black, 19 votes; Kristina Hoerner, 6 votes; Sue Oerter, 5 votes; Carrie Rutherford-Stapleton, 3 votes; Leander Spearman, 5 votes; Erin Steinsultz, 19 votes. Steele elected.

Deanne made a motion to accept the election results, and Diana seconded it. All members voted aye, and the results were approved. The results will need to be presented to the IHLS system Board on May 28, at which time they will be made public. Kim will send an email to the candidates announcing the results.

The committee discussed recommendations for future election cycles, including ways to make ensure the Board remains geographically balanced. At this time, the committee was unable to make a recommendation on how to accomplish this.

The Nominating Committee should make the following improvements internally to ensure a smoother election in future:

- Structure the system board nomination form with more pointed questions and place a word limit on answers.
- Ensure candidates understand the commitment involved in serving as a member of the system board.
- Discuss ways to ensure the Board remains geographically balanced. This will need some Board input.

The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations to the IHLS system Board:

- In November, the IHLS Board President should select Nominating Committee members, with two of the members having served on the committee in the previous election cycle
- In December, the committee candidates should be presented to the IHLS Board for approval, so the committee can have enough time to complete the process on the new timeline recently approved by the IHLS Board in their bylaws.

The committee decided there was no more business to conduct this election cycle, so a meeting was not scheduled. Diana offered to provide notes and answer questions for the nominating committee in future years. There were no committee reports. Deanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Anita seconded it. All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

Submitted by Julia Welzen